

Superior Town Council Town Council Meeting

**Thursday, March 15, 2007
Superior Senior Center
Superior, Arizona**

M I N U T E S

A. Call to Order

Mayor Hing called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

B. Salute to the Flag

Mayor Hing led the Town Council, staff and the audience in the Pledge to the Flag.

C. Opening Prayer

Mayor Hing led the Town Council, staff and the audience in a brief opening prayer.

D. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Hing, Councilmember Valenzuela, Councilmember Cervantes, Councilmember Heglie, Councilmember Lopez, Councilmember Marquez

E. Consent Agenda

Mayor Hing introduced the items on the consent agenda. The items in the consent agenda were:

Approval of the Minutes from the Work Session and Regular Meetings on March 1, a Special Meeting on March 8, and a blanket fundraising permit for Elizabeth Magallanez.

Mayor Hing asked for a motion and or comments on the minutes. Councilmember Valenzuela requested that the minutes contain more

detail to the conversations held around each agenda item. He specifically mentioned that his personal council comments lacked details.

Mayor Hing mentioned that the minutes are being transcribed and that Council members should speak clear and loud so all their comments can be heard.

Mayor Hing called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Councilmember Lopez made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. Communications

1. Town Manager Position Updates and Request from Council Members for questions for the applicants

Councilmember Valenzuela gave a brief update on the selections process. He reported that the committee has selected 5 qualified candidates to interview. Councilmember Valenzuela explained that the council would need to select dates and times to interview the candidates. The council directed staff to post a notice of a Town Council quorum in Executive Session for the interview dates. The interviews were scheduled to be held on Monday March 19 and Tuesday March 20.

2. Update for Apache Leap Mountain Festival

Mayor Hing reported that the festival is scheduled and that the town would be providing support services for the event including police, fire and public works services.

3. Environmental Concerns regarding the Belmont Building

Mayor Hing explained that the Belmont Building has been inspected and mold and other environmental concerns have been found. He explained that the current tenant Central Arizona Association of Governments has vacated the building at the requests of their attorneys due to the liability.

Mayor Hing explained the mold came through a hole in the roof which was not repaired correctly. He explained that there were two contractors who worked on the roof and neither is accepting responsibility. He reported that the towns insurance company would be reviewing the claims and assist with the cleaning of the mold.

G. Call to the Public

Elizabeth Magallanez –Acknowledged her son Matthew Magallanez for being accepted to the Leadership Conference in Bethesda Maryland. Matthew will be representing the Town of Superior and the

Superior School District. She explained that Matthew has received a scholarship for the conference but still has some fundraising to do.

Justice of the Peace Larry Bravo – Congratulated Matthew on being accepted to the Leadership Conference. In addition to his congratulations Mr. Bravo explained some of the challenges of his job as Justice of the Peace and explained how when people commit crimes in the area they are often sentenced to do community service. He explained the challenges of community service as well as some of the rules involved with them.

Mr. Bustamante – explained that he is from Mammoth and that he was excited to see how Superior is working to utilize old mining areas as parks and historical areas. He explained that when he was in the Legislature he submitted a bill that would allow for old/non working mining areas to be used for parks. He applauded Superior for their work and explained that what is good for Superior is good for Mammoth and the rest of the Copper Basin area as well as what is good for Mammoth is good for Superior and the surrounding areas.

Manuel Ortega – explained that he would be making 3 comments:

Mining – He explained that the Resolution Copper Company will ruin the beautiful scenery in the town and that the elected officials should take a stand against this project and that they should get their facts about this project.

Apache Leap Days – This event is once a year and everyone should just ignore the noise and traffic and enjoy the festival.

Drugs –He said that he agrees with the Justice of the Peace that the kids are getting away with too many things.

Hank Gutierrez – gave a brief update on the WiFi Project and explained that May 1st the WiFi Internet would be available in Superior he gave out the phone numbers and a web site where residents can go to sign up for the WiFi services.

Mr. Gutierrez also invited business owners to attend a business expo and a one on one meeting with the CEO of the Arizona Small Business Association. He encouraged everyone to get involved and attend the meeting as this would be a great opportunity to help local business grow their business.

Jim Gilbert– Mr. Gilbert explained that he would be using his 3 minute limit for public comments. He explained that the groups came to an agreement except for one thing and that the carnival will not be in the same place that it was last year.

He also commented on the new recycling program and that they will be recycling all kinds of paper and that 100% of the profits will be given to the kids. He also explained that as the project increases there will be room for jobs for youth. He encouraged people to come to his meetings every Thursday at Edwardos Pizza.

H. Business

1. Discuss/Approve/Reject the 2005/2006 Town audit performed and presented by Colby and Powell, PLC, Certified Public Accountants.

Mayor Hing explained that the auditors were unable to attend the meeting to give a presentation on the audit. He requested that the council pass the audit based on the partial presentation that was given at a previous meeting.

Councilmember Heglie motioned to approve the 2005/2006 audit. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discuss/Approve/Reject 2nd Annual Pro-Life March

Ms. Carmen Pacheco parishioner at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church requested permission to have a police escort for the 2nd annual pro life walk. She identified the march route which will start at the Catholic Church on Main St and proceed east on Main St. to the old high school and then travel west back to the church via Lime St.

She explained that the event would have 100-150 participants and that several pro-life and teen pregnancy prevention organizations would be taking part in the event.

Councilmember Lopez made a motion to authorize the use of town resources to assist with this event. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Discuss/Approve/Reject CDBG 2007 Project and SSP 2007 Project

Mayor Hing explained that the council had already voted to approve the 2007 CDBG funds be allocated to the construction of the food court and bathrooms. He explained that the project can be done with fewer monies and that the project would be built by seasonal town staff rather than a construction company. He suggested that some of the left over CDBG dollars be used for other projects the town had been considering. He also requested

that the council motion on what 2007 SSP monies be used for should the town be awarded SSP monies.

The Mayor and Councilmembers discussed other projects that could be served by the left over monies. After discussion on these projects the council decided to leave the project as is and to spend the monies on the completion of the downtown food court and restrooms which would leave the current motion in place. No actions were taken on this portion of the agenda item.

Councilmember Heglie motioned to allocate the \$300,000 SSP monies (if awarded) to the continued rehabilitation of the Magma Club. Councilmember Valenzuela seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discuss/Approve/Reject magistrate position

Mayor Hing explained that the contract for the town magistrate would be expiring in April and that usually the Justice of the Peace also works as the Town Magistrate.

Councilmember Lopez made a motion to post/advertise that the magistrate position is open. Councilmember Marquez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discuss/Approve/Reject Industrial Park Property

Mayor Hing explained that there were 3 bids submitted for purchasing of the Industrial Park Property. He expressed his concerns for each bid and also provided the council with his ranking of preference.

Mayor Hing and the councilmember's reviewed each bid and discussed how each proposal would affect the community and which ones would be the best. They also reflected on each of the presentations that were given in regards to the bids and commented on each presentation.

After a period of questions and discussion the council concurred that there was not a good fit with any of the 3 bids. Councilmember Lopez made a motion to reject these current bids and re-advertise for bids. Councilmember Valenzuela seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Discuss/Approve/Reject Forming Annexation Committee

Mayor Hing announced that the town will need to form an annexation committee he explained that Wildan has done some research for the town on annexation. Councilmember Lopez requested that she be on the Annexation Committee.

Councilmember Valenzuela made a motion to create an Annexation Committee. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Discuss/Approve/Reject potential resource personnel and grant writer

Ms. Aldrete explained that the Town has a need for a resource staff person/grant writer. She explained that at one point it was discussed to have one person do both jobs but she explained this position from a Human Resources background that each position would very different skill sets and job duties.

She explained that the resource person would handle scheduling of meetings, minutes and project management for the Economic Development and then that person/company would contract with a grant writer when grant writing services are needed. She also explained that the town would be able to save money by contracting with a company/independent contractor that would save the town from having to pay for traditional employee expenses and benefits.

Mayor Hing and the Councilmember's discussed the role of the resource personal and the recommendations of Ms. Boxer who has been assisting the Economic Development Committee.

Ms. Aldrete explained that a budget would need to be established as to how many hours the town/committee would be using per month and that would establish how much the total costs would be.

Mayor Hing and council directed Ms. Aldrete to establish a budget for this position/contractor. No motions were made.

8. Discuss/Approve/Reject selection of Town Attorney

Mayor Hing announced that there were two candidates eligible for selection. The two candidates are Mr. Chilton and Mr. Beard.

Councilmember Cervantes explained that his choice for the position is Mr. Chilton who is a former graduate of the Superior School District and would be locating an office to Superior.

Councilmember Lopez commented that she likes Mr. Chilton but Mr. Beard has more municipal experience and that is what the Town needs.

Councilmember Valenzuela made a motion to hire Mr. Beard as the new town attorney. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 ayes and 1 nay. Councilmember Cervantes opposed the motion.

9. Discuss/Approve/Reject Soap Box Derby race March 31-April 1 (see item #13)

Jack Kube president of the Superior Soap Box Derby Club gave a brief history on the local club and expressed his thanks to the community and the Town Council for supporting the derby. He explained that he was requesting that Main St. be closed from March 31-April 1 to allow for the annual championship race to be held. He acknowledged that there will be a bike race that weekend also but explained that he has spoken with the organizers and neither group foresees and issue with the road being closed.

Councilmember Lopez made a motion to approve the request to close Main St. for the Soap Box Derby race. Councilmember Cervantes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Discuss/Approve/Reject 2007 Tax Code Amendment

Ms. Aldrete read the heading to the resolution which will allow for changes to the Towns tax code.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to approve resolution 451. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Aldrete read the amendment to the ordinance.

Councilmember Lopez made a motion to approve the amendment to the ordinance. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Discuss/Approve/Reject 2007 with Blank Studio, Inc. to provide architectural services for the project including normal structure, mechanical and electrical design services

Ms. Aldrete explained that this company would be handling the architectural services for the Caboose Project on US Highway 60.

Councilmember Heglie made a motion to approve Blank Studio Inc as the architect for these projects. Councilmember Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Discuss/Approve/Reject White Mountain Road Club, Superior Road Race & Criterion, to be held March 31 and April 1 2007 (see item #9)

Councilmember Heglie gave a brief update on the race and explained the routes and departure times.

Councilmember Lopez made a motion to approve the race being held in Superior. Councilmember Heglie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Council Comments

Councilmember Marquez

No comments

Councilmember Lopez

Requested that staff look into the registrations and reservations for the Annual Arizona League of Cities and Towns Conference in June. She asked that they book the reservations now so members of the council can stay at the same hotel that the conference is booked at.

Councilmember Cervantes

Commented on the garbage service how they have been coming late and he is receiving many complaints.

Councilmember Heglie

Encouraged everyone to have a great time at the upcoming events that will be held in Superior.

Councilmember Valenzuela

No Comments

Mayor Hing

Encouraged everyone to have a great weekend.

Councilmember Lopez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Valenzuela seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

J. Executive Session

K. In Public Session

L. Adjournment

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Superior held on the 15th day of March 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

/s/
Anna Marie
Aldrete _____
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Interim
Deputy Town Clerk

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